

2005 EQIP Application Worksheet

This worksheet must be submitted with a signed and dated Program Application (Form CCC-1200 and CCC-1200 Appendix). Additional paperwork beyond these forms will be required to complete your eligibility determination, as discussed below.

Applicant Information			
Applicant Name:			
Address:			
Town:	State:	Zip:	
County:	Phone No.: ()		
Land Being Enrolled			
FSA Farm No.:		FSA Tract No(s).:	
Location:		Watershed:	
Owner:		Operator:	
Type of Operation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Cranberry	<input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Livestock
<input type="checkbox"/> Nursery	<input type="checkbox"/> Orchard	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable	<input type="checkbox"/> Vineyard
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify):			

PRODUCER & LAND ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in EQIP, an applicant must be an individual, entity or joint operation and meet all of the following eligibility criteria.

A. Agricultural Producer

You must be an *agricultural producer*, which, by definition, means you must show a minimum of \$1,000 or more of agricultural products produced and sold for two of the last five years. Please document your agricultural production in the table below.

Agricultural Products Produced & Sold

Year	Crop and/or Livestock Products	Quantity Produced	Total Sales
2004			\$
2003			\$
2002			\$
2001			\$
2000			\$

Notes: Applicants may be asked to produce copies of sales receipts or IRS Schedule F forms. An applicant who certified as a beginning farmer must also be determined as an agricultural producer. Individuals and families engaged in agricultural production for subsistence are eligible for EQIP if the production of food and fiber is the primary source of family consumption and use, or used in barter and trade.

B. Program Payment Limitation

Applicants are limited to \$450,000 in EQIP payments funded through the 2002 Farm Bill.

- Have you ever received EQIP payments from 2002 or newer contracts? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Do you have an existing EQIP contract? Yes ☐ No ☐

C. Control of the Land

Applicants must provide satisfactory evidence that control of the land will continue uninterrupted for the proposed contract period. Evidence may include, but is not limited to: deed or other evidence of ownership, lease, or documented historical use of the land (i.e. reference to USDA county records). For structural practices on rented land, the applicant must submit a written concurrence by the landowner at the time of the application.

- Is the land being enrolled owned privately, publicly or tribal? Private ☐ Public ☐ Tribal ☐
- Do you own, rent or have legal access to the land being enrolled in this application? Own ☐ Rent ☐
Legal access ☐
- Are structural practices being proposed for cost-share? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Evidence submitted with application: _____

D. Compliance with Tenants & Sharecroppers Provisions

You must be in compliance with the provisions for protecting the interests of tenants and sharecroppers, including the provisions for sharing EQIP payments on a fair and equitable basis. NRCS will not approve contracts with landlords who do not give tenants and sharecroppers an opportunity to participate in EQIP, or who reduce the number of tenants in anticipation of EQIP participation. A signed statement by the tenant or sharecropper voluntarily relinquishing his or her rights to the farm or EQIP benefits may be offered as sufficient evidence to show voluntary removal.

E. Payment Eligibility Documentation

Applicants must ensure the following documentation is in order with the Farm Service Agency (FSA):

1. Compliance with Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Conservation Provisions

Payment eligibility requires participants to file an AD-1026 and develop and use conservation systems on highly erodible land that are planted to an agricultural commodity. FSA maintains these records.

2. Compliance with Average Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) Requirements

Each individual or entity that requests program benefits must certify that the average adjusted gross income for the preceding 3 tax years, was \$2.5 million or less, and certify whether 75% of the amount represented was from farming or forestry operations. This requires filing Form CCC-526 with the FSA. If you applied in preceding years, you will need to update the form with current information.

3. Farming Interest & Payment Limitation Determination

The following Person/Entity forms must be completed and on file at FSA:

Type of Operation	Form CCC-502A	Form CCC-502B	Form CCC-502C	Form CCC-502D	Form CCC-501A	Form CCC-501B
Individual	X					
Partnership/Joint Venture (EACH MEMBER MUST SIGN)		X			X	
Corporation/LLC			X		X	X
Estates/Trust				X	X	

F. Irrigation History

A participant will be eligible for cost-share or incentive payments for irrigation related structural and land management practices only on land that has been irrigated for two of the last five years prior to application for assistance. Irrigation history must be provided in the table below.

Field	Acres	Crop	Type of Irrigation System	System Layout & Spacing	Operating Pressure	Water Supply	Age of System

G. Land Enrolled in Other Conservation Programs

Land enrolled in other conservation programs is eligible under EQIP provided:

- a) EQIP does not pay for the same practice on the same land as any other USDA program;
 - b) land enrolled in CRP is only offered for enrollment during the last year of the contract and practices are not applied until after the CRP contract has expired or been terminated; and
 - c) the EQIP practices do not defeat the purpose of either EQIP or the other conservation program.
- Do you have, or have you ever had, a contract with any other conservation programs? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, please specify: _____

SUMMARY OF FORMS REQUIRED AT TIME OF APPLICATION:

Criteria	Documents/Forms	Action	Where to File
Program Application	CCC-1200, block 7	Complete block 7, submit signed & dated. <i>Requires the landowner's signature, if the enrolled land is rented and structural practices are planned.</i>	NRCS
Contract Terms & Conditions	CCC-1200 Appendix	Review and submit, signed & dated (p. 9) <i>Requires all program participants signatures.</i>	NRCS
Limited Resource Farmer and/or Beginning Farmer Certification	CCC-1200, block 7A	Complete self-certification in block 7A. Submit, signed & dated.	NRCS
2005 EQIP Application Worksheet	MA-EQIP-05AW	Complete and submit, signed & dated, <i>with attachments as required</i>	NRCS
Control of the Land	Deed, lease, or other	Submit copy with application worksheet	NRCS
Person/Entity Determination	CCC-501	Complete and submit, signed & dated	FSA
Interest in Operation	CCC-502	Complete and submit, signed & dated	FSA
Compliance with AGI	CCC-526	Complete and submit, signed & dated	FSA
Compliance with HEL/WC	AD-1026	Complete and submit, signed & dated	FSA
Power of Attorney	AD-211	<i>If needed</i> , submit, signed & dated	FSA
Permission of the Landowners	Letter from landowner	<i>If needed</i> , submit, signed & dated	NRCS
Tenants/Sharecroppers Protection	Letter from tenants and sharecroppers	<i>If needed</i> , submit, signed & dated	NRCS

Important Notes. ¹⁾ All forms are to be completed and on file at the USDA Service Center by close of business on February 1, 2005 to be processed for the current ranking period. Applications signed after the cutoff date will be processed in the next ranking period. ²⁾ The application must be signed by the individual receiving the cost-share payment or the legally authorized representative of an entity or joint operation. ³⁾ Depending on the type of operation, signature authority documentation can include articles of partnership, affidavits, valid power of attorney, court orders of appointment, certified evidence of probate, last will & testament, trust agreement, letter of authorization/administration, charter, bylaws or resolution.

CONSERVATION PLANNING INFORMATION

An EQIP Plan of Operations describes the conservation practices to be implemented, the timing of implementation, the practice location, and estimates of cost-shares or incentive payments and the conservation and environmental purposes to be achieved. By signing the CCC-1200, block 10, *after funding approval*, the applicant is agreeing to the Plan of Operations. To facilitate the development of an EQIP Plan for the application, please provide pre-planning information below for the land being enrolled.

Note: All information provided through this application will be held **confidential** under the Privacy Act.

Farm Objectives:

Natural Resource Concerns: (i.e. erosion, runoff, flooding, invasive plants, excess nutrients, etc.)

Environmentally Sensitive Areas:

To the best of your knowledge, is the enrolled land within or adjacent to any environmentally sensitive areas?

Environmentally Sensitive Area	√	Environmentally Sensitive Area	√
Streams or Open Water		Aquifer	
Private Well		Wetland	
Wellhead Protection Area		Cold Water or Anadromous Fisheries	
Drinking Water Reservoir		Threatened, rare or endangered species habitat	

Crop Production:

1. Describe how the enrolled land is used by acres:

	Crop	Hay	Pasture	Forest	Other	Total
Acres Owned						
Acres Rented						

- Do you **graze** animals on any of the land? Yes____ No____
- Are you considering a prescribed/intensive/rotational **grazing system**? Yes____ No____
If yes, would you convert cultivated cropland to permanently managed grazing land? Yes____ No____
- Do you regularly **test the soils** for nutrient content? Yes____ No____
- Do you **test animal manure** for nutrient content prior to land application? Yes____ No____
- Do any of the field's soil tests show **high phosphorus levels**? Yes____ No____
- Is **runoff, flooding or leaching** a potential problem for any fields? Yes____ No____

8. Do you practice **Integrated Pest Management** (IPM)? Yes___ No___
9. Do you practice any form of **conservation tillage**? (If yes, how many acres? _____) Yes___ No___
10. Do you plant **cover crops**? (If yes, how many acres? _____) Yes___ No___
11. Do you plan to increase your use of **conservation tillage or cover crop**? Yes___ No___
12. Does any of your cropland extend to the edge of wetlands, streams or waterbodies? Yes___ No___
(If yes, what are the **average buffer widths**? _____)
13. Are you interested in establishing **conservation buffers** to filter runoff from cropland? Yes___ No___
14. Is **runoff from agri-chemical storage and mixing areas** draining into a wetland, stream, or waterbody, or leaching into groundwater? Yes___ No___

Erosion Control Concerns:

1. Do you crop fields with slopes greater than 6%? Yes___ No___
2. Are there visible signs of erosion on your land? Yes___ No___
If yes, what are the average depths of the rills or gullies? _____ Inches

Agricultural Waste Concerns:

1. Describe your current **waste management system**: _____
2. Describe the number of **animal units** on your farm/tract:

(a) Type of Animal	(b) Ave. Weight	(c) Number	(b) x (c) Total Weight	(d) Animal Units (au = 1000 lbs. live wt.)

3. Describe the typical confinement periods of your animals:

Full Confinement	<i>Animal units</i>	<i>months</i>	
Partial Confinement	<i>Animal units</i>	<i>months</i>	<i>hours</i>
Partial Confinement	<i>Animal units</i>	<i>months</i>	<i>hours</i>
Partial Confinement	<i>Animal units</i>	<i>months</i>	<i>hours</i>

4. Do any animals have **unrestricted access** to a wetland, stream or water body? Yes___ No___
5. Is **runoff from manure storage or barnyard** getting into a wetland, stream, or water body, or leaching into groundwater? Yes___ No___
6. Is **milkroom wastewater** getting into a wetland, stream, or waterbody, or leaching into groundwater? Yes___ No___

7. Is *silage leachate* getting into a wetland, stream, or water body, or leaching into groundwater? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, how many acres of silage/haylage are being stored in the bunker that's producing effluent? _____

8. Describe the *acreage available to receive manure*?

2005 Crop	Tracts/Fields	Acres	
		Own	Rent

Irrigation/Chemigation Concerns:

- Do you irrigate according to a water management plan? Yes ____ No ____
- Do you use your system to chemigate? Yes ____ No ____
- Are you able to hold chemigated water for the required time? Yes ____ No ____
If not, state the reason: Stream through bog _____
Groundwater inflow _____
Leaking water control structure _____
Inadequate dike system _____
- Is your system designed to minimize chemical wash-off during flushing? Yes ____ No ____
- Does your system meet 85% uniformity standards? Yes ____ No ____

Other Concerns:

APPLICANT(S) SIGNATURE

The undersigned certify that the above information accurately represents the applicant, land and agricultural operation associated with this application for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

(Signature) (Date) _____

(Signature) (Date) _____